(c) by when the other applications are likely to be sanctioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available and feasible in the present data reporting system of the public sector banks, will be laid on the Table of the House.

2524. [*Transferred to 25th August, 1984.*]

Imports of Synthetic Rubber

2525. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total import of synthetic rubber during the year 1983-84;

(b) whether Government propose to increase its import to meet the present demand;

(c) whether Government also propose to import natural rubber from rubber producing countries; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Import of synthetic rubber is allowed to actual users under Appendix 4 and 6 of the Import Policy for the year 1984-85. Information on total import of synthetic rubber during 1983-84 is not available.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The STC has been authorised to import 30,000 tonnes of natural rubber.

Upgradation of Hyderabad Airport as an International Airport

2526. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any request for the upgradation of Hyderabad Airport as an international airport; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is of the view that the existing four international airports in the country are adequate to meet the international traffic requirements. The Government therefore, does not intend to declare Hyderabad Airport as an international airport.

Visakhapatnam Port as a Free Trade Zone

2527. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has approached the Central Government for declaring Visakhapatnam Port as a Free Trade Zone; and

(b) if so what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Commerce have been receiving requests from various State Governments, including Government of Andhra Pradesh, for setting up Free Trade Zones in those States. Government of India have decided at present to set up 4 additional Free Trade Zones at Cochin, Madras, NOIDA and Falta (West Bengal) and steps are being taken to establish